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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 53080

Tetsuya HAYASHI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 9484

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For: LITHIUM ION SECONDARY BATTERY AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 6, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 6, 2009, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.